



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & BUILDING  
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# WORK EXEMPT FROM BUILDING PERMITS

## FORM 4551

No person, firm or corporation shall erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, convert, or demolish any building or structure in the City of Chula Vista or cause the same to be done without first obtaining a separate permit for each such building or structure from the building official except as follows:

1. Fences up to 72 inches and freestanding masonry walls up to 48 inches in height above the highest adjacent grade.
2. Detached patio covers, not exceeding 12 feet in height, with a projected roof area not to exceed 144 square feet and at least 6 feet from any building structure on the same property
3. One-story detached accessory buildings, not exceeding 12 feet in height used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses, and similar uses, provided floor area does not exceed 144 square feet and are located so as to comply with the provisions of Chula Vista Municipal Code, Section 19.58.020.
4. Oil Derricks.
5. Movable cases, counters, and partitions not over 5 feet, 9 inches in height.
6. Retaining walls that are not over 3 feet in height measured from the top of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding flammable liquids.
7. Television and radio antennas less than thirty-five feet in height.
8. Platforms, walks and driveways not more than 30 inches above grade and not over any basement or story below.
9. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
10. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R, Division 3 Occupancy in which the pool walls are entirely above the adjacent grade and if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons.
12. Fish ponds, reflective pools or other decorative water containers with a wet surface area of 100 square feet or less and a maximum depth of 18 inches to the flood rim.
13. Repairs which involve only the replacement of component parts of existing work with similar materials for the purpose of maintenance, and which do not aggregate over \$500.00 in valuation in any twelve-month period, and do not affect any electrical, plumbing or mechanical installations. Repairs exempt from permit requirements shall not include any addition, change or modification in construction, exit facilities, or permanent fixtures or equipment.

**\*\*\*THESE MAY NOT BE EXEMPT FROM ZONING REGULATIONS. PLEASE CHECK WITH PLANNING PRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION.\*\*\***

Specifically exempted from permit requirements without limit to valuation are:

- A. Painting, papering, decorating and similar work.
- B. Installation of floor covering.
- C. Cabinet work.
- D. Outside paving of R-3 and U Occupancies parking surfaces (CCR Title 24 Disabled Access Required).
- E. Re-roofing buildings of Group R and U Occupancies of less than 500 sq. ft. or less than fifty percent (50%) of roof covering replacement.